

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A communication terminal comprising:

acquiring means for acquiring a value entity
accompanied by a public key corresponding to a specific
5 private key;

receiving means for receiving an application
electronically signed by the private key, through an ad hoc
network;

10 verifying means for verifying the application through
the use of the public key; and

transferring means for transferring the value entity
through the use of the application when the verifying means
successfully verifies the application.

15 2. The communication terminal according to Claim
1, wherein the verifying means initiates the verification
of the application in conjunction with an opportunity where
the receiving means receives the application,

20 the communication terminal further comprising
starting means for starting the application in conjunction
with an opportunity where the verifying means successfully
verifies the application.

25 3. The communication terminal according to Claim
1, further comprising:

deleting means for deleting the application in
conjunction with an opportunity where a predetermined time
has elapsed since a time when the receiving means received

the application.

4. The communication terminal according to Claim 1, further comprising:

5 deleting means for, where a communication with a sender of the application is disconnected after the reception of the application by the receiving means, deleting the application in conjunction with an opportunity where a predetermined time has elapsed since the disconnection of the communication.

10 5. A value entity providing server comprising providing means for providing a value entity accompanied by a public key corresponding to a specific private key, through a cellular network, for the communication terminal as set forth in Claim 1.

15 6. The value entity providing server according to Claim 5, wherein the providing means transmits the public key separately from the value entity to the communication terminal, prior to the provision of the value entity.

20 7. The value entity providing server according to Claim 5, wherein the public key is posted on a server accessible from a plurality of terminals through the cellular network.

25 8. The value entity providing server according to Claim 5, further comprising second verifying means for verifying integrity of the communication terminal before the providing means provides the value entity.

9. An application delivery server comprising:

application transmitting means for transmitting the application through the ad hoc network to the communication terminal as set forth in Claim 1; and

value entity acquiring means for acquiring the value entity transferred by the transferring means of the communication terminal, through the ad hoc network.

10. The application delivery server according to Claim 9, further comprising:

receipt transmitting means for, when the value entity acquiring means acquires the value entity, transmitting receipt data electronically expressing receipt of the value entity, via the ad hoc network to the communication terminal.

11. The application delivery server according to Claim 9, further comprising third verifying means for verifying integrity of the communication terminal before the transmitting means transmits the application.

12. An electronic procurement supporting method comprising:

an acquiring step wherein a communication terminal makes acquiring means acquire a value entity accompanied by a public key corresponding to a specific private key;

a receiving step wherein the communication terminal makes receiving means receive an application electronically signed by the private key, through an ad hoc network;

25 a verifying step wherein the communication terminal makes verifying means verify the application through the

use of the public key; and

a transferring step wherein, when the verifying means successfully verifies the application, the communication terminal makes transferring means transfer the value entity through the use of the application.

13. An electronic procurement supporting program which can be executed by a communication terminal, the electronic procurement supporting program letting the communication terminal substantialize:

10 an acquiring function of acquiring a value entity accompanied by a public key corresponding to a specific private key;

15 a receiving function of receiving an application electronically signed by the private key, through an ad hoc network;

a verifying function of verifying the application through the use of the public key; and

20 a transferring function of transferring the value entity through the use of the application when the application is successfully verified by the verifying function.